

The Reason for the Rise in Confederate Bonds.

A good deal of curiosity has arisen regarding the recent spurt in Confederate bonds, which are being bought up at about \$2.50 per \$1,000.

Allusion has been made to the fact that the Confederate Government had an account with the bank of England which for some reason was not withdrawn upon the collapse of the Confederacy. A southern exchange gives the following statement in regard to it:

On the 1st day of April, 1865, the Confederate Government had \$160,000 to its credit in the bank of England. When the crash came the Confederate cotton had disappeared, and although the United States Consul General at Liverpool made diligent search he could not find a bale, although he had reliable information that there was some thousand bales of Confederate cotton at Liverpool a fortnight before. Where it went, and the manner of its disappearance, constitutes one of the most interesting chapters of unwritten history of the late war. Why the money belonging to the confederacy was not withdrawn from the Bank of England at the time of the crash it is not easy to say. One of the reasons given is that the officer on whose check alone it could be obtained was out of London ill, and when he did return it was too late. Three attempts have been made by the Treasury Department to get this money. The first was in 1867. The American Minister, Mr. Reverdy Johnson, was told by her Majesty's Government that the money would be turned over to the United States as executor, but if the American Government claimed the assets, it must be responsible for the liabilities of the Confederacy. This view of the matter was not entertained by Mr. Johnson, who advised his Government of the condition upon which the money could be obtained. Mr. Boutwell, while Secretary of the Treasury, made an attempt to get the coveted \$160,000. He sent Hon. Kenneth Raynor, of North Carolina, then, as now, Solicitor of the Treasury, to London, to see if some plan could not be devised by which the Government might obtain this money without becoming responsible for the liabilities of the Confederacy. But he was unsuccessful, as Mr. Johnson had been. Since Mr. Blaine has been in office he has also caused inquiry to be made, but without any results. The money will probably remain in the Bank of England's vaults until some more vigorous course than any thus far taken is adopted.

Language of Finger Rings.

In case a gentleman wishing to marry—literally in the market with his heart—he wears a plain or chased gold ring upon the first finger of the left or right hand. If success attends his suit, and he is actually engaged, the ring passes to his second finger. After marriage it passes to the third finger. If, however, the gentleman wishes to tell the fair ones that he not only is not "in the market" but he does not desire to marry at all, he wears the signet upon his little finger, and all ladies may understand that he is out of their reach. With the fair sex the "laws of the ring" are: A plain or chased gold ring on the little finger of the right hand implies "not engaged," or, in plainer words, "ready for proposals, sealed or otherwise." When engaged the ring passes to the third finger of the right hand. When married, the third finger of the left receives it. If the fair one proposes to defy all seige to her heart, she places her ring on her first and fourth fingers—one on each—like two charms to keep away the tempter. It is somewhat singular that this disposition of rings is rare.—Ex.

The Value of Mental Tension.

A certain degree of tension is indispensable to the easy and healthful discharge of mental functions. Like the national instrument of Scotland, the mind drolls wofully and will discourse most dolorous music, unless an expansive and resilient force within supplies the basis of quickly responsive action. No good, great, or enduring work can be safely accomplished by brain-force without a reserve of strength sufficient to give a buoyancy to the exercise, and, if I may so say rhythm to the operations of the mind. Working at high-pressure may be bad, but working at low-pressure is comparatively worse. As a matter of experience a sense of weariness commonly precedes collapse from "overwork"; not mere bodily or nervous fatigue, but a more or less conscious distaste for the business in hand, or perhaps for some other subject of thought or anxiety which obtrudes itself. It is the offensive or irritating burden that breaks the back. Thoroughly agreeable employment, however engrossing, stimulates the recuperative faculty while it taxes the strength, and the supply of nerve-force seldom falls short of the demand. When a feeling of disgust or weariness is not experienced, this may be because the compelling sense of duty has crushed self out of thought. Nevertheless, if it rules like a martinet without affection or interest, there is no very, and, like a complex piece of machinery working with friction and heated bearings, the mind wears itself away and a breakdown ensues. Let us look a little closely at this matter.—Dr. J. Mortimer Granville on "Worry," in Popular Science Monthly for November.

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